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WEATHER

Unseasonably mild weather continued for the fourth straight week. Average weekly temperatures ranged from five to 15 degrees above normal. Two storms brought widespread precipitation and strong winds to the State.

On January 26-27, a storm deposited one to nine inches of snow; the largest amounts were reported in the Panhandle. Thirty to 50 MPH winds created near-blizzard conditions.

Temperatures were briefly cold following the storm. Harrisburg had -18 degrees on the 28th. Mild weather predominated the rest of the week.

A second storm brought considerable precipitation to the east on January 31st and February 1st. One to 1.75 inches of rain fell in the extreme southeast. Locally heavy snow fell over the west portions of the Southeast and East Central Divisions.

The week end of the 3rd was dry and mild.

CROPS

Extremely muddy conditions still prevail over most of the State making live-stock feeding difficult. Likewise, corn and sorghum harvest remained at a near standstill. Additional snow and rain coupled with the milder temperatures have not helped alleviate the wet field and feedlot conditions.

The corn harvest remains at 97% complete. Some harvesting was attempted last week, but approximately 16 million bushels remain in the field. Sorghum harvest at 92% complete made no progress with approximately 10 million bushels left to be harvested.

While the wet weather has been detrimental to unharvested row crops, the winter wheat crop, other small grains, alfalfa, and native pastures will have a good soil moisture reserve for spring growth.

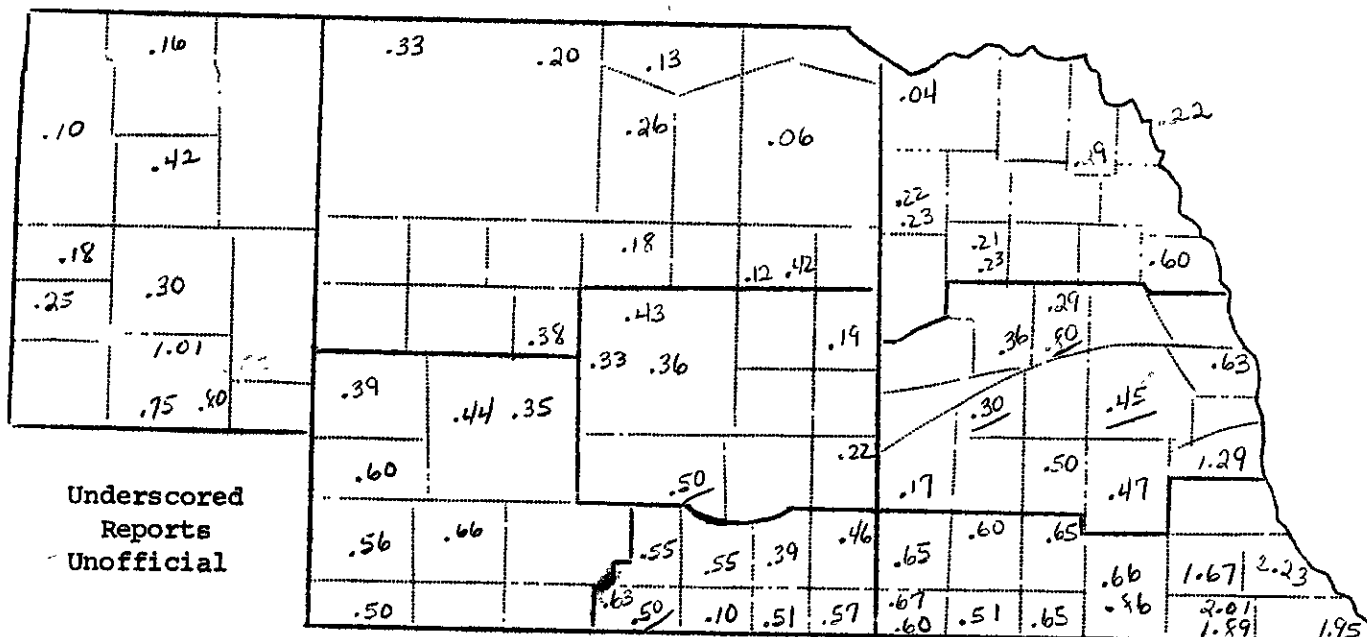
LIVESTOCK

The muddy fields, roads, and feedlots cause continued slow gains and make livestock feeding difficult. In some areas it is possible to feed only when the ground is frozen. Death losses in feedlots continue above average. Winter pastures and stalks are more open now for grazing. Livestock producers are busy with early calves and spring farrowings.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 2/4/73

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	--	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.19	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	T	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.34			Sidney	0
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 1973



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		January						February							
		29th		30th		31st		1st		2nd	3rd	4th			
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	41	15	50	20	44	19	42	21	48	21	48	26	45	28
	Scottsbluff	47	20	49	26	44	23	40	18	47	21	52	27	53	33
	Sidney	44	19	46	23	42	22	39	18	43	18	54	28	49	32
NC	Burwell	43	14	52	25	40	28	41	27	43	23	55	25	42	--
	Valentine	46	18	52	25	47	25	43	25	45	26	59	25	43	25
NE	Norfolk	30	15	38	20	38	27	35	22	39	19	52	25	42	27
	Sioux City	28	15	31	19	34	30	34	28	32	15	38	25	41	26
CEN	Grand Island	32	22	44	29	39	31	39	30	43	29	54	29	50	30
EC	Lincoln	31	16	40	22	40	31	33	28	39	16	48	25	46	31
	Omaha	28	20	38	26	38	31	33	28	30	18	42	33	42	31
SW	Imperial	42	9	45	27	40	30	41	23	42	25	55	--	51	31
	North Platte	38	13	49	24	42	32	42	27	45	22	51	22	53	25

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